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SUBJ: THAI ELECTION CENTRAL - RESULTS AS OF 1000 JANUARY 27

1. ELECTION RESULTS FOR METROPOLITAN BANGKOK'S 26 PARLIAMENTARY SEATS ARE FAIRLY COMPLETE. THEY SHOW THE DEMOCRAT PARTY WINNING 23 SEATS. THIS IS A BETTER PERFORMANCE THAN WE PREDICTED. THE OTHER BANGKOK WINNERS WERE FROM ELECTORAL DISTRICT ONE AND INCLUDE SOCIAL ACTION PARTY LEADER KHUKRIT PRAMOT WHO PLACED THIRD TO TWO THAI NATION CANDIDATES. BANGKOK VOTERS MAINTAINED THEIR REPUTATION FOR A LOW VOTER TURNOUT, ALTHOUGH PRECISE FIGURES ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

2. ELECTION RESULTS FROM THE PROVINCES ARE ONLY PRELIMINARY. THAWIT KLINPRATHUM, THE SOCIAL JUSTICE PARTY LEADER RUNNING IN RATBURI, APPARENTLY HAS LOST HIS RACE. DEMOCRACY PARTY LEADER CHUNPHON MANINET HAS APPARENTLY ALSO LOST HIS RACE IN CHACHOENGSAO PROVINCE TO A DEMOCRAT PARTY CANDIDATE. WHILE THAI NATION LEADER PRAMAN ADIREKSAN SEEMS TO HAVE WON HIS RACE, DEPUTY LEADER SIRI SIRIYOTHIN LOST IN CHONBURI TO BUNCHU ROTCHANASATHIAN OF THE SOCIAL ACTION PARTY.

3. THE APPARENT DEMOCRAT PARTY LEAD, BASED ON BANGKOK'S RESULTS, WILL WITHER AS THE RETURNS COME IN FROM THE
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PROVINCES WHERE THE PARTY IS WEAKEST. WE NOW EXPECT THE

DEMOCRATS TO HAVE SOMEWHAT OVER 50 SEATS NATIONWIDE.
FURTHERMORE, BANGKOK'S LOW VOTER TURNOUT IS NO INDICATION
OF WHAT THE NATIONAL TOTALS WILL BE.
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